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1. The rural police were greatly strengthened in the recent police reorganization. Whereas formerly one policeman was considered sufficient for several villages, there will now be three members of the rural police, consisting of a chief of police, his deputy, and an assistant, assigned to each village.
2. There are approximately 3,000 villages in each state, which means that there will be about 9,000 rural police in each state, or a total rural police force of 45,000 for the Russian Zone.
3. Recruits are being drawn from among reliable Communists in factories to meet the increased over-all demand for police.

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